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Communicated by G. B. Airy, Esq.

Remarks on the Great Comet, as seen on board the  
Lawrence of Liverpool, on her passage from Sydney to  
Conception. By a Passenger. Communicated by W.  
Simms, Esq.

Abstract of an Article in *Silliman's Journal*, containing  
an Account of Observations of the Great Comet, made  
near the time of its Perihelion Passage. By J. G.  
Clarke, Esq. of Portland.

On the Deducing of the Parallax of *Mars*, and hence  
that of the Sun, from the Geocentric Motion of the  
former when in Opposition, and especially when near  
the Node of his Orbit. By S. M. Drach, Esq.

A Letter from Sir J. F. W. Herschel, Bart. to F. Baily,  
Esq., dated September 6, 1842, on the Increase in  
Magnitude of the Star  $\alpha$  *Cygni*.

*List of Public Institutions and of Persons who have contributed  
to the Society's Library, &c. since the last Anniversary.*

Her Majesty's Government.

Royal Society of London.

L'Académie Royale des Sciences de l'Institut de France.

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British Association.

Royal Academy of Munich.

Royal Irish Academy.

Italian Society.

Imperial Academy of St. Petersburg.

American Philosophical Society.

Royal Society of Göttingen.

Royal Academy of Lisbon.

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Royal Academy of Berlin.

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Royal Society of Edinburgh.

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United Service Institution.

Yorkshire Philosophical Society.

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The Observatory at San Fernando.  
 The Observatory at Milan.  
 The Observatory at Dorpat.  
 The Radcliffe Trustees.  
 The Editor of the Athenæum Journal.  
 The Editor of the Quarterly Journal of Meteorology.  
 The Editors of the London Physiological Journal.

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At the conclusion of the reading of the Report of the Council, Mr. Galloway brought forward, for the approval of the meeting, sundry alterations, chiefly verbal, in certain of the Bye-laws of the Society, which the Council thought expedient to be made, previously to the reprint of the same, which is now necessary. All the alterations, as explained by Mr. Galloway, were unanimously agreed to.

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*The Meeting then proceeded to the Election of the Council for the ensuing Year, when the following Fellows were elected, viz.*

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